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October 26, 2005

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2004/5-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
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| 13         | <b>Local Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programs "North Fork Trail Extension" project for the California Department of Parks and Recreation. This project is funded from the Recreational Trails Program. The amendment programs a total of \$171,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06 to construct four miles of non-motorized trail. See enclosure.</li></ul>     |
|            | <b>Transit Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifies funding for the Butte Regional Transit's "Operations and Capital" project. This project is funded from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program. The amendment increases funding for FTA 5311 Program from \$215,000 to \$500,000 in FYs 2005/06 and 2006/07. See enclosure.</li></ul> |

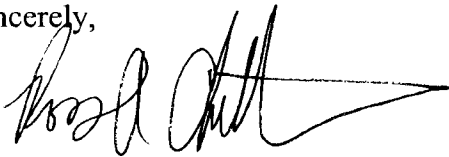
I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 13 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 and § 93.127 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by BCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. BCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross A. Chittenden', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Jon A. Clark - Butte County Association of Governments
- Ivan Garcia - Butte County Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans